

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, the claims pending in the subject application are 22, 33-42, 44-45, and 47-59. Reconsideration of this application based on the Amendments and Remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.


It is acknowledged that claim 22 is allowable and that claims 33-42, 44-45, and 47-57 would be allowed with the deletion of the "the" in claims 33 and 44.

35 U.S.C. §112 REJECTIONS

Claims 33-42, 44-45, and 47-57 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for including the term "the" before "in situ removal" in line 1 of each claim. Claims 33 and 44 have been amended to delete the "the". It is respectfully submitted that claims 33-42, 44-45, and 47-57 are not indefinite.

In view of the amendments and remarks contained above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the 35 USC §112 rejections, and request that a Formal Notice of Allowance be issued for claims 22, 33-42, 44-45, and 47-59. Should the Examiner have any questions about the above remarks, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,


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